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SUMMARY: PAK TONG-SON WAS QUESTIONED BY SEOUL PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE A SECOND TIME YESTERDAY. HIGHLIGHTS GIVEN. UPI WIRE
SERVICE REPORT HE WAS SUMMONED AGAIN TODAY (SEPTEMBER 10)

END SUMMARY.

1. KOREAN VERNACULAR PRESS ON AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 9 AND
MORNING SEPT 10 REPORTED ON PAK TONG-SON'S SECOND INTERROGATION
BY SEOUL DISTRICT PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND INTERVIEW HE GAVE TO
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN REPORTERS AFTERWARD. (FIRST INTERROGATION
OCCURRED AUGUST 24.) MORNING PAPERS RAN LENGTHY ARTICLES WITH
PICTURE AND SUMMARY OF REPORTERS' QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON PAGE
SEVEN (PAGE FOR ARTICLES ON CRIMES AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS).

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ACCORDING TO STORIES, PAK WAS SUMMONED TO PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
IN MORNING AND QUESTIONED FOR ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS
ON 36-COUNT INDICTMENT RECENTLY HANDED DOWN IN WASHINGTON.
CHOSON ILBO REPORTED PAK WAS SAID TO HAVE DENIED ALL CHARGES.

2. AFTERWARDS, PAK WAS INTERVIEWED IN LOBBY AND ON FRONT STEPS
OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE BY UPWARDS OF 70 KOREAN AND FOREIGN

REPORTERS FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES, STORIES SAY. HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS REPORTED REMARKS FOLLOW:

A) CONTENTS OF TODAY'S INVESTIGATION?

CUSTOMARY INVESTIGATION ON U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE'S INDICTMENT AND ALSO MY RELATION WITH SPEAKER O'NEILL. I THINK I WILL BE CALLED IN AGAIN.

B) YOUR RELATION WITH O'NEILL?

SOCIAL AND PRIVATE; REPORTS AS TO ANYTHING ELSE ARE FALSE.

C) YOUR IMPRESSIONS OF TODAY'S INTERROGATION?

IMPRESSIVE. I CAN RECOVER MY REPUTATION THIS WAY. I WILL COOPERATE FULLY.

D) IMPRESSIONS OF THE INDICTMENT?

LEARNED OF IT TODAY FROM THE QUESTIONING: SURPRISING, UNFAIR, DISAPPOINTING, THERE IS NO PROOF.

E) HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY PRESSURE FROM ROKG OR U.S. OFFICIALS?

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ARE PROTECTED HERE.

F) HAS ROKG URGED YOU TO GO TO U.S.?

MY ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON HAD NO RELATION TO ROKG. I WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO RETURN OR NOT.

G) WHAT IF YOU ARE INDICTED IN KOREA?

I WELCOME ANY INVESTIGATION; I CONSIDER IT THE WAY TO RECOVER MY HONR AND THAT OF THOSE AROUND ME.

H) ANY THOUGH OF RETURNING TO THE U.S.?

MY U.S. LAWYER SAYS THERE'S NO NEED TO, AS LONG AS EMOTIONAL ATMOSPHERE ON PART OF CERTAIN SECTORS OF U.S. PRESS CONTINUES. I HAVE NO PLANS TO DO SO.

I) ANY THOUGHTS ON ATMOSPHERE IN U.S.?

I STILL TRUST U.S. PEOPLE AND BELIEVE JUSTICE SURVIVES. U.S. WILL SOMEDAY REVEAL TRUTH OF MY CASE.

3. USIS REPORTS UPI HAS TRANSMITTED A STORY SEPTEMBER 10
SAYING PAK WAS SUMMONED TO PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AGAIN TODAY.
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